HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, TO DEVELOP AND ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR THE TRAINING OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND QUALIFIED VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE CARE TO STUDENTS WITH DIABETES.

WHEREAS, there is a rapidly growing population of students with diabetes attending public schools; and

WHEREAS, diabetes often prevents those students from participating in school functions and events; and

WHEREAS, diabetes can also adversely affect students' ability to perform routine school tasks such as taking tests; and

WHEREAS, well-managed blood glucose levels enable students with diabetes to be more productive and successful in school; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is generally a self-managed disease, and many students are able to perform most of their own diabetes care tasks; however, some students, because of their age, inexperience, or other factors, need help with some or all diabetes care tasks; and

WHEREAS, all students with diabetes will need assistance in the event of a diabetes emergency; and

WHEREAS, because diabetes management is needed throughout the school day, it is imperative that school employees and volunteers have training in diabetes care tasks and be prepared to perform diabetes care tasks at school and all school-related activities so that students with diabetes have the same access to educational opportunities that other students in Hawaii have; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Education and Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health, are encouraged to develop and adopt guidelines for the training of school employees and qualified volunteers to provide care to students with diabetes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and Department of Education are encouraged to look at the Kauai Area Complex as a model in developing guidelines for providing care to students with diabetes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and Department of Education are encouraged to develop guidelines that address:

(1) Recognition and treatment of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia;

(2) Understanding of the appropriate actions to be taken when blood glucose levels are outside of the target ranges indicated by the student's medical management plan;

(3) Understanding of a physician's instructions concerning diabetes medication dosages, frequency, and manner of administration;

(4) Performance of finger-stick blood glucose checking, ketone checking, and recording of results;

(5) Administration of insulin and recording of the results;

(6) Understanding how to perform basic insulin pump functions;

(7) Recognizing diabetes-related complications that require emergency assistance;

(8) Understanding recommended schedules and food intake for meals and snacks, the physical effects of physical

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activity on blood glucose levels, and actions to be 1 2 taken in case of schedule disruption; 3 4 (9) Understanding of any other appropriate medical procedures that may be developed from time to time for 5 testing, treatment, or care of the student's diabetic 6 7 condition; and 8 Understanding of long-term complications of diabetes 9 (10)and the importance of teaching students with diabetes 10 about self-management skills that may be reinforced in 11 the school setting; and 12 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and 14 Department of Education are requested to report their findings 15 and recommendations, including adopted guidelines, to the 16 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of 17 the Regular Session of 2014; provided that the report shall 18 19 include any proposed legislation and recommendations for funding necessary to implement the training guidelines; and 20 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 22 23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Director of 24 Health. 25 26 27 28

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